

REMARKS

Claims 53 through 113 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claims 53 through 65 and 105 through 111 without prejudice. Thus, claims 66 through 104 and 112 through 113 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment.

The Office Action requires restriction between the invention of Group I, namely claims 53 through 65 and 105 through 111, and the invention of Group II, namely claims 66 through 104 and 112 through 113.

The Office Action also requires restriction between the valve species, identified as Species 1 shown in Figures 4a and 4b, Species 2 shown in Figure 4c, Species 3 shown in Figures 8a and 8b, and Species 4 shown in Figures 9a-9d, and the compressor species, identified as Species 1 shown in Figures 5a, 5b, 6a, and 6b and Species 2 shown in Figures 11 a and 11b. In the event Group II is elected, the Office Action asserts Applicants must elect one species from each of the Species Sets for Valves and Compressors, namely a valve species and a compressor species.

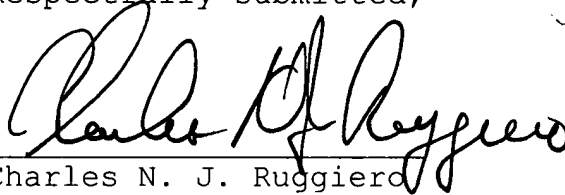
Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group II, the Valve Species 1 shown in Figures 4a and 4b, and the Compressor Species 1 shown in Figures 5a, 5b, 6a, and 6b.

It is respectfully submitted that the elected invention reads on claims 66 through 104 and 112 through 113. Further, it

is respectfully submitted that independent claims 66 and 96 are generic to each valve and compressor species.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for favorable consideration. Such action is solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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